

**LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
of the
Suffolk County Legislature**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Legislative & Personnel Committee was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium in the William Rogers Legislative Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on **August 2, 2001**, at 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Martin Haley, Chairman
Legislator Ginny Fields, Vice Chair
Legislator Jon Cooper
Legislator Joseph Caracappa
Legislator Allan Binder

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Sabatino, Legislative Counsel
Loretta Filosa, Aide to Legislator Martin Haley
Ed Romaine, County Clerk
Judy Pascale, Deputy County Clerk
Kris Chayes, Department of Civil Service
Kevin O'Hare, Aide to Legislator Andrew Crecca
Gerard McCreight, Aide to Legislator Jon Cooper
Jim Catterson, District Attorney
Ed Flaherty, District Attorney's Office
Ken Knappe, County Executive's Budget Office
Nicole DeAngelo, County Executive's Office
David Greene, Labor Relations
Phyllis Garbarino, AME
Nancy Manteiga, AME
Ellen Martin, Presiding Officer Paul Tonna's Office
Fred Pollert, Budget Review Office
All Interested Parties

Minutes taken and transcribed by Irene Kulesa, Legislative Secretary

(The meeting came to order at 1:38 P.M.)

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SALUTATION

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Good afternoon everyone. We're looking for a five-minute meeting today. So Ed, come on up. Ed Romaine has a C/N coming in Tuesday and he wants to obviously, ask for our support.

MR. ROMAINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you mentioned, we have C/N. I don't have a copy of the resolution because the Executive is preparing it. We have a C/N coming up but about two weeks ago, I wrote to you and all the other Legislators and Fred Pollert about the creation of a new Civil Service Position in my department and that would be the Director of Optical

Imaging. As you may recall, earlier this year, we terminated our contract with Xerox because we felt we weren't getting the type of service that that contract had called for. And we decided to do some of our work in-house as opposed to doing an RFP or hiring outside consultants. But to do that, we needed someone of an extraordinary quality, someone that was familiar with not only oracle but visual basic file net, Unix and a whole host of other programs that we now run.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Not Gregg {McAlino} is it?

MR. ROMAIN:

No, no, no, no, no, no. This will not be -- No, it's not. Actually we've interviewed a person and the person that we're interested in hiring, this is an interview that took place with people from the County Exec's Office and MIS and the person that we're looking to hire is currently employed in a very high level position at -- is it LIPA? I wasn't sure if it was KeySpan or LIPA. But this will be a competitive exempt Civil Service Position and I've made the determination that this position should be a high level position paying accordingly and would be the number three position in my office. And the reason for that is, as every year goes by, it's very evident to me as County Clerk that with all the records that we have and with the direction that information technology is going, information technology is going to drive the County Clerk's Office and we're going to become more of an information center dependent on technology more than anything else. So that's why we've recommended this change. I've spoken with Fred's staff about this, Fred Pollert's staff about this, with the County Executive, with MIS and they are in accordance. Allan Schneider's Office came up with the title of Director of Optical Imaging. But I'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Just give us a fiscal impact?

MR. ROMAIN:

There will be no fiscal impact. We will absorb that in our budget. There will be no fiscal impact.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Any questions anyone? Very good. Thank you.

MR. ROMAIN:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

You're welcome. Wait a minute.

LEGISLATOR FIELDS:

Ed?

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

There goes our five-minute --

LEGISLATOR FIELDS:

I just wanted to say thank you because generally, when these things come before us, we don't always have the background information and I appreciate the letter that you sent giving --

MR. ROMAIN:

I hate surprises and I know Legislators do too.

LEGISLATOR FIELDS:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

To the agenda, tabled resolutions 1111-01. Any motions? It's -- I don't know. Is this still valid, Counsel?

MR. SABATINO:

Yes, it is still alive.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

To apply for removal of ceiling on part-time Clerk/Typist earnings. Motion to table it -- excuse me? Motion to table by Legislator Caracappa, seconded by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? 1111 is tabled.

TABLED RESOLUTION:

I.R. NO. 1111-01 Directing County Department of Human Resources, Personnel and Civil Service to apply for removal of ceiling on part-time Clerk/Typist earnings. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (Legislative & Personnel)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 TABLED

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

I'd like a motion. Motion by Legislator Caracappa to approve and place on the consent calendar 1597, 1598, 1606, 1616 and 1630, seconded by Legislator Binder. All those in favor? Opposed? Approved and placed on the consent calendar.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS:

I.R. NO. 1597-01 Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 188-2001. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

I.R. NO. 1598-01 Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 305-2001. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

I.R. NO. 1606-01 Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 179-2001. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

I.R. NO. 1616-01 Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 179-2001. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

I.R. NO. 1630-01 Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted Resolution No. 161-2001. ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

1659, we're secondary. A motion by Legislator Caracappa, seconded by myself. All those in favor? This was, at one time, it used to be prime in L&P but they don't give me anything anymore, so it's okay. All those in favor? Opposed? 1659 is approved.

I.R. NO. 1659-01 Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees Bargaining Units No. 2 and

No. 6 covering the terms and conditions of employment for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003. ASSIGNED TO FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES AND LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

1660 adopting salary plans for employees who are excluded from the Bargaining Unit. This is the management agreement. Is there a motion? This was approved unanimously in Finance Committee.

LEGISLATOR FIELDS:

Motion to approve.

LEGISLATOR COOPER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Fields, seconded by Legislator Cooper. On the motion, anything? All those in favor? Opposed? 1660 is approved.

I.R. NO. 1660-01 Adopting Salary Plans for employees who are excluded from Bargaining Units. ASSIGNED TO FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES AND LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

1702 amending the 2001 Operating Budget in the Suffolk County Salary and Classification Plan, as well as creating and amending titles and positions in the District Attorney's Office, approved unanimously out of Finance. Motion by Legislator Caracappa, seconded by Legislator Cooper. All those in favor? Opposed?

I.R. NO. 1702-01 Amending both the 2001 Adopted Operating Budget and the Suffolk County Salary and Classification Plan, as well as creating and amending Titles and Positions in the District Attorney's Office. ASSIGNED TO FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES AND LEGISLATIVE & PERSONNEL (County Executive)

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN HALEY:

We are adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.)

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